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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:

*Applicant:* DUCKECK, R.

*Serial No.:* 10/018,184

*Filed:* 12/10/2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

February 13, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above  
identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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